

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission**

ITEM

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DECISION

TOPIC

**LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND – CITY AND COUNTY
GRANTS**

Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve the ranking of all applications for the Land and Water Conservation Fund, City and County Grants, as determined by the Project Review and Selection Committee, and to approve full-funding for the top seven projects, as recommended by the committee, and to approve partial funding in the amount of \$17,154.46 for the eighth-ranked project, as recommended by the committee. The Land and Water Conservation Fund is a 50/50 federal cost share grant program for outdoor recreation project.

A total of 22 applications were received by the March 15, 2007 deadline. Grant requests for the 22 applications totaled \$1,154,717.00. A five-member committee reviewed the 22 applications and scored/ranked them based on the following criteria:

- Relationship to SCORP Priorities (Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan)
- Direct Recreation Benefits Provided
- Local Need
- Quality of the Site

Additional bonus points and penalty points were also included in the scoring system. They are based on such criteria as level of prior assistance from the LWCF; special features for the elderly and handicapped; minority populations served; degree of public participation and support; recycled content material use; and level of planning that has preceded the application for a LWCF grant.

This year, Congress intends to appropriate \$27,994,976.00 nationwide, resulting in an appropriation to Iowa in the amount of \$370,704.00. One half of Iowa's apportionment or \$185,352.00 plus one half of monies available from FY05 and FY06, or \$130,939.45, makes a total of \$316,291.46 available to cities and counties for outdoor recreation acquisition and development projects.

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Attachment
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Rank	Applicant -2007	Request	Total Cost	Project
1	Adams County Conservation Board	\$75,000.00	\$505,440.00	Cabins and Campground Improvements at Lake Icaria
2	Battle Creek	\$25,000.00	\$53,000.00	Battle Creek Alumni Park
3	Elma	\$45,200.00	\$90,400.00	Elma Park Improvements
4	New Virginia	\$50,000.00	\$182,964.00	Gerry Allen Memorial Park
5	Clay County Conservation Board	\$22,500.00	\$45,000.00	Scharnberg Park Restroom & Bath House Refurbishment and Playground Addition
6	Melbourne	\$50,000.00	\$594,672.00	Melbourne Swimming Pool
7	Allison	\$31,437.00	\$31,437.00	Wilder Park Campground Improvements
8	Des Moines County Conservation Board	\$51,500.00	\$103,000.00	Starr's Cave Trail Stabilization, Resurfacing and Route Re-alignment
9	Linn County Conservation Board	\$67,760.00	\$135,520.00	Crows Creek Trail
10	Tipton	\$28,000.00	\$72,039.00	Tipton Municipal Tennis Courts Improvement Project
11	Britt	\$75,000.00	\$2,200,000.00	Britt Municipal Aquatic Center
12	Mitchell County Conservation Board	\$60,000.00	\$120,000.00	Cedar Bridge Park & Campground
13	Linn County Conservation Board	\$190,000.00	\$450,000.00	Squaw Creek Park A - Loop Campground Expansion
14	Manly	\$75,000.00	\$1,403,300.00	Manly Family Aquatic Center.
15	Corning	\$75,000.00	\$2,110,000.00	New Corning Aquatic Center
16	Shelby County Conservation Board	\$20,320.00	\$40,640.00	Nishna Bend Recreation Area
17	Titonka	\$50,000.00	\$147,000.00	Swimming Pool/Bathhouse
18	Prairie City	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	Recreational Complex project
19	Chickasaw County Conservation Board	\$40,000.00	\$80,000.00	Airport Lake Park Campground Renovation
20	Clear Lake	\$13,000.00	\$26,000.00	Clear Lake Aquatic Center Project, Phase Two
21	Rock Rapids	\$20,000.00	\$62,900.00	New playground equipment
22	Farnhamville	\$15,000.00	\$30,000.00	Playground equipment at city park